IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Michael BULTE et al.

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For: SPECIES-SPECIFIC AND QUANTITATIVE DETECTION OF CNS TISSUE IN

MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS (as amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the specification are submitted on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 3.

Remarks are submitted on page 8.